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Greetings*

December 1983

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB welcomes all radio amateurs and all persons interested in amateur radio to attend our meetings.....
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE we extend a very special invitation - we are the oldest affiliate of your League.....

NOTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE - All regular meetings of MRAC scheduled for 1984 at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building will be held on the second Thursday of the month. Thus, 1984 meetings will fall on January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, and November 8.

MRAC REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 PM, Thursday, January 12, 1984, at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building at 7500 West State Street. Hall is open at 7:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome. Plenty of free parking.

MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT used to present their version of pay TV to viewers throughout Milwaukee and the country will be described by Mr. Scott Grahn of "Home Box Office" (HBO).

NEXT MRAC REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, February 9, 1984. Subject to be announced. Watch for next bulletin.

ARRL BULLETIN NR134 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT December 14, 1983
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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The FCC on December 14, 1983, voted in the strongest possible manner to retain the Morse Code requirement for all classes of Amateur Radio Licenses. Private Radio Bureau Chief Robert Foosaner said that the Amateur Radio Service is well, thriving, and providing an excellent service to the American public. He strongly recommended that FCC maintain the code requirement, endorse the service as it is, and bury the concept of no code. Chairman Mark Fowler stated that the code is very important and in some cases essential for getting the message through. He said further that radio amateurs have contributed vitally to the country and recently were stalwart in performing communications with Granada. The vote was unanimous to reject the concept of no code.

Charlie Kaetel, our Assistant Director for the Central Division of ARRL, has a copy of the complete transcript of this portion of the December 14 session of the FCC, and if enough of those present at the January 12 meeting of MRAC wish to hear it, will read it at that meeting.

THE ANNUAL MRAC XMAS PARTY was a rousing success, playing to a sell-out crowd of amateurs and their spouses. Our Guest of Honor and principle speaker was ARRL Vice Director for the Central Division, Howard S. Huntington, K9KM, of Lake Zurich, Illinois. Howard was accompanied by his attractive wife, Nancy.

Four former Presidents of MRAC were honored, Don Seibel EX-W9ESE, 1928; William Brossman W9EQP, 1938; Thomas Gettleman W9IZO, 1952; Ken Eggert W9MOT, 1953 and 1959. The staff of our 1983 License Training Classes were honored and door prizes were drawn. The best prize of the evening was the beautiful carved and painted bird donated by that artistic 95 year old Don Seibel who has won considerable fame for his creations. The lucky winner (who got the bird) was Evelyn Dawson, XYL of Charlie, W9CUW, who traveled down from Bear Creek to attend our party. And speaking of DX guests, Tom Gettleman now resides in Seattle, Washington! Don't miss the 1984 Xmas Party scheduled for Thursday nite, December 6!

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CLUB NEWS: Lil Wunsch, WA9EMJ, who has been acting as MRAC Membership Secretary for several years, finds that she is currently too busy to do the work, and has asked to be relieved. MRAC is grateful to Lil for all her efforts. Until the club officers make other arrangements, address mail and other matters intended for the club membership office to Charles Kaetel, W9SNK, MRAC Business Manager.

Much thanks to Roger Nielson, N9DAA, for all his assistance to Charlie Kaetel in the extensive publicity campaign for the amateur radio participation in the ST9 Space Shuttle flight. What a great event!

On the second weekend of December our Central Division Director, Ed Metzger, attended a special ARRL committee meeting on the subject of the Volunteer Examiner program. Mr. Kaetel has been in close contact with Ed Metzger and has the latest information on the program.

MRAC - a Very Special Service Club for over 65 years!